

AMERICAN HERITAGE RIVER COMMISSION
MINUTES OF JUNE 16, 2011 MEETING

In Attendance : (BOLD DENOTES COMMISSION MEMBERS)

John Burnham	John Drake	Joanne Drapeau	Al Floyd	Albert Grant
Lois Noble	Barbara Sherman	Dick Sherman		
Deb Talamini	Tom Talamini			

GUEST: Dick Sullivan

Absent:

Alan Baker	Ken Francis	Jim Halloran	Gil Hayes
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CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 PM

ADDED AGENDA ITEMS: Under New Business: e, f, g, and h.

MINUTES of May 19, 2011 MEETING: Approved.

ON-GOING BUSINESS:

- a. "Mansions at Canyon Ridge" – No current report.
- b. Canoe Trips on Scantic / Flood (River) Review – 3 trips were taken in last 2 weeks; first time the water level was fine with no issues; second time water level was lower and showed some "nubs" and trees that impacted a smooth ride; third trip was done to remove those trees and other problems before Water Trail Day. Water-testing samples are still being given to Kirsten Martin.
- c. Trail – Needs to be weed-wacked due to overgrowth from lots of rain.
- d. Membership – Still one open slot but perhaps it will be filled shortly.
- e. Decal sales – 108 sold, 158 left; \$130 cash to be turned in. Provision will be made to sell decals at Duck Race.

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. June 4th work party went in the river at Rte. 140 but first went up stream about 1/2 mile, did some work north of starting point, then proceeded downstream clearing all the way to Omelia Road. Work went from 9AM to 4PM, with 14 participating.
- b. June 11 CT Water Trail Day event had 9 boats participating. Prior to the start 5 members in 3 boats made the run starting at 8AM just to be assured that all was clear after the storm of day before. Since day was rainy, participation was smaller than usual but several new people saw East Windsor's portion of the river and want to do a trip during any day it can be arranged. The work of our Commission members was well praised at SRWA meeting.
- c. Trail name still tabled.
- d. Paperwork on Scantic River State Park trail development was turned in to Laurie Gianatti.

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Kirsten Martin has set June 22 7PM as date for training for stream walk. It will take place at South Windsor Police Station and there is room for any of our members. At least 2 from Commission will attend. Information to be gathered includes width and depth of river; make up of bottom; condition of bank, i.e. erosion; and existence of storm sewers, etc.
- b. Skate park coordinators had requested help for Duck Race, 6/18. Commission members will provide assistance in catching ducks and ensure safety of group/spectators, meeting at 9:30 for set-up. Discussion of other successful duck races followed.
- c. Melrose Bridge plans which were produced by a student from CCSU were shown to members. The intention is to have an area for fishing to accommodate the handicapped. Materials needed for project were priced out. Discussion which included grant to cover cost of material and labor followed.

- d. July 16th set for next work party to continue cutting and working on the trail. Concrete project put off until the fall. Meeting time will be 9AM at Burnham barn.
- e. A donation of \$250 will be received to cover costs of reagents for the water testing project.
- f. South Windsor's Wheels, Water and Walk Ways has been told it will get Greenway status for its section of the Scantic River, with presentation to take place in the fall.
- g. At SRWA meeting, it was noted that the summer full moons will be 7/15, 8/13 & 9/11. Full Moon paddles will be planned with firm dates forthcoming.
- h. Robin Newton has applied for grants with hopes of getting money for equipment, and the bridge. Also Kirsten Martin applied for participation in a DEP loan program, which would provide water-testing equipment to entities already testing water. DEP would own the equipment and would not be responsible for the supplies needed.

ADJOURNMENT: 8:00pm.